

# SPARKS News



October 1 **Committee Meetings** 

Youth-Education Committee Meeting - Clements Room (2nd floor GH East)

New Member Orientation Committee Meeting - Willis Room (2nd floor GH East)

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

October 8: Diane Medley. Managing Partner & Co-Founder of MCM, LLP

October 15: Dr. Gary Gregg II, Director, McConnell Center

October 22: Ghislain d'Humieres, Director, The Speed Art Museum

October 29: Kirk Bloodsworth Exonerated Former Death Row Inmate

November 5: District Gov. Mike Kull. Club Assembly

November 12: Dr. Jay McGowan, President of Bellarmine University Location: Seelbach Hilton.

Medallion Ballroom

November 19: David Taliaferro, Director of Microfinance / KIVA Fellow

**December 10: Tori Murden** McClure, President of Spalding University

March 10, 2016: Speaker **TBD. Location:** Speed Museum (just before it re-opens to the public)

### Club Officers

Greg Braun • President Alice Bridges • President-Elect Kevin Wardell • Past President Dick Brien • Vice President Ken Middleton • Vice President Luke Schmidt . Secretary Tom Bohnert • Treasurer

> **Club Directors** Muhammad Babar, MD

# October 1 Rotary Meeting



## EVA KOR, Holocaust Survivor, Lecturer & Author TOPIC: Triumph of the Human Spirit, From Auschwitz to Forgiveness

Galt House East, Grand Ballroom A

Buffet Opens at 11:30 / Meeting Begins at 12:05 pm

Eva Mozes Kor is a survivor of the Holocaust, a forgiveness advocate, and a revered public speaker. She is a community leader, a champion of human rights, and tireless educator of young people. In 1944, Eva and her family were loaded into a cattle car packed with other Jewish prisoners and transported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Eva and her twin sister Miriam were just 10 years old. At Auschwitz, the girls were ripped apart from their mother, father and two older sisters, never to see any of them ever again. Eva and Miriam became part of a group of children used as human guinea pigs in genetic experiments, under the direction of the now infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Approximately 1,500 sets of twins were abused, and most died as a result of these experiments rhore here)

### Member Spotlight

BARBARA SEXTON SMITH "Chief Re-Wirement Officer" - Barbara "re-wired" while those around her retired. She likes to say, "There's no such thing as "retirement" - it's "Re-Wirement!" As President & CEO of the Fund for the Arts, Barbara turned the reins over to the next generation and became the Chief Liaison for the Compassionate Schools Project.



As one of Louisville's Connectors, Barbara Sexton Smith helped raise more than \$220 million while working with the Fund for the Arts, Metro United Way, Olmsted Parks Conservancy, NCCJ, West Louisville Boys and Girls Choirs, Community Hunger Walk and many others. Out of 59 United Art

Funds in America, the Fund for the Arts was named the #1 United Art Fund in 2012 for most new dollars raised. ( more here)

BARRY DENTON started his law enforcement career in 1989 as a police cadet with the Jefferson County Police Department and retired as a sergeant from the Louisville Metro Police Department in December, 2012. In his twenty-three years of service he patrolled in five of the eight police divisions, worked as the public information officer and served as a domestic violence detective. After being promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Mr. Denton was the Assistant Commander of the Community Relations Unit, Commander of the Recruitment and Selection Unit, Assistant Commander of the Traffic Unit and commanded the Bomb Squad. During his career he also served on the Federal



Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bomb Task Force. He was awarded three medals of valor, three exceptional merit awards and four meritorious unit citations. ( more here)

We want to meet YOU! Send your profile for SPARKS to include a photo and bio of 200 words or less to rotary@rotary45.org with "Bio for SPARKS" in the subject line.

### Service Above Self



Barry Barker Mary Michael Corbett Lukas Dwelly **Tracy Holladay** Mac McClure Michael Ray Shackelford

### Fund Officers

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#### **Fund Directors**

Paul Bickel III Greg Braun Dick Brien Aimee Johnson Ken Middleton Bob Slider

#### **Birthdays This Week**



Stuart Alexander III - Oct 3 Andrea Sanders - Oct 4 Judy Handmaker - Oct 5 Michael Jinkins - Oct 5 Roger Dalton - Oct 7

Please join the Birthday Table this week so you can be recognized!

#### **Rotary Club of Louisville Rotary Fund of Louisville**

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### Give Local Louisville - October 1 **HELP SUPPORT YOUR ROTARY FUND OF LOUISVILLE!**

Give Local Louisville day is this coming Thursday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. As announced at the last two club meetings, on that date the Community Foundation of Louisville will provide a partial match for all donations made to approved non-profit organizations. That includes your Rotary Fund of Louisville!

So, whatever amount you plan to donate this year, we encourage you to do so on this date - for the match is available ONLY during the 24 hours of October 1. To qualify for the match, donations must be made through the Give Local Louisville website at this link:

https://givelocallouisville.org//#npo/rotary-fund-of-louisville--inc (read special message from Fund Board Chair Kevin Wardell)

Please arrive early at the October 1 Rotary meeting! Laptops and Rotarians will be ready to assist with a online donations.

#### Middle School Connection MAKE THE CONNECTION! ONLY ONE HOUR. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Only one hour of your time is needed to help reach the goal for professionals to meet with every seventh-grader in Jefferson County during the month of October. Volunteers will conduct two 30-minute conferences with three seventh-grade students during each 30 minute session to share about your career and the path that got you there. The dates/times/locations are flexible.

Please contact either:

BOB NIBLOCK (244-2205 / wrn2@earthlink.net) or CAROL NORD (387-6317 /

### Volunteer for Public Radio Partnership Project this week!



Schedules to sign up for a timeframe to receive donation phone calls at Louisville LPM will be available very soon! Please watch for a special email message Public Media with the link to volunteer ... coming soon to your Inbox!

Questions? Contact Craig Scherman at 439-4396 or email to scherman@win.net

### **Book SortingProject - October 5**



Volunteers are needed to help sort children's books on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 pm at the Courier-Journal, 525 West Broadway. These books will be distributed later to families who cannot afford to purchase books for their children.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact CLINT SCHARFF: 299-1131 or Clint.Scharff@gmail.com.

### New Member Celebration With a Purpose - Nov 10



Exciting plans have been made to include a meaningful project with the November 10 New Member Celebration Dinner. You will be invited to participate in a "Love the Hungry" packaging project in which more than ove the Hungry 7,000 meals will be packaged for children and families throughout the world. This hands-on project will be completed in a very short period of time. You will also enjoy a delicious catered meal and our new Club

members will be welcomed and will receive their Rotary pins. We are excited about the plans coming together for this great evening. More details coming soon ... sSAVE THE DATE!

### Repair Affair - "Rotarians at Work"



REPAIS Here are a couple of Rotarians (Rick Harned and Mac McClure) who worked with others last Saturday at the St. Benedict Center for Éarly Childhood Education where a variety of tasks were performed (painting, landscaping, etc.).

Just another example of Rotarians continuing to make a difference, A F F A I R improving the lives of others in our community.



### That's Entertainment



Access club calendar, member contact info, and more anywhere / anytime on your smartphone!

#### Get your badge scanned!

Several members are slipping through the entrance at Rotary without getting their badge scanned. This is important for attendance records, so please be sure your badge is scanned when you attend each week. Thanks!



#### **DECEMBER** is ... Ugly Holiday Sweater and Ugly Holiday Necktie MONTH

Fun & Prizes are planned for Rotary meetings during the month of December. Judges will determine the Ugliest Holiday Sweater and Ugliest Holiday Necktie on Dec 3, 10 and 17. You now have two months to plan ahead for your December attire!

#### Thursday, October 29, 5:30-7:00pm - Business Synergy Event

Join Rotarians and guests for fellowship and networking at Tyler Allen's business, USA Image Technologies. Bring guests and prospective members for a fun evening that will include complimentary light bites and cocktails. This is FREE event, but you must register to attend. USA Image Technologies is located at 2109 Watterson Trail. If you would like to attend, send an email to events @rotary45.org. Remember to include the name, business and title of your guests.

#### Saturday, December 5, 6:00pm - Holiday Party

Rotary Holiday Party at historic Nunnlea House on Hurstbourne Parkway. Make your reservation for this year's holiday party! Live music, great food, and holiday spirit for just \$50 per person.

#### RSVP for these activities by emailing: events@rotary45.org

Special thanks to Past President Stet and Nancy Stetten for their warm hospitality on Sunday at the 'End of Summer' Party! Their beautiful, picturesque 250-acre farm was the perfect setting for Rotarians and guests to enjoy haywagon rides, tours of the historic cemetery and house on the grounds, fishing, a great buffet of ribs/pork/chicken, open bar, live bluegrass entertainment by Hogg Operation, and an upclose visit to see a few calves born just a few weeks ago!



# **Member Engagement**

### **Rotary Leadership Institute - FREE to Rotarians!**

Opportunities to Attend RLI

Saturday, October 10, 2015 in Louisville (8am to 3pm) Saturday, January 9, 2016 in Lexington (8am to 3pm) Continental breakfast and lunch included

Want to learn more about Rotary? Are you interested, willing, and have the potential to engage in future club leadership (Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Board member, Vice President, or President)?

For more details and how to register, check out THIS LINK.

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### **Connect with Social Media**

Connect to fellow members using our Club's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Your participation will make it dynamic! Join in on discussions, post photos, and celebrate fellow Rotarian's accomplishments. LinkedIn is for members only to allow private discussions and can be found by searching "Louisville Rotary Club" in the category "Groups. Then click the yellow "join" button. You can also send photos, articles, featuring Rotarians and other news to Executive Director Debe Skidmore at rotary@rotary45.org and to Ashley Brauer at

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Ashley@guthriemayes.com. We need members who want to post, too! If you'd like to help, please contact Ashley orDebe.

### Join the Member Marketplace

Join our Club's new virtual Marketplace and showcase your business or organization through this new member's-only service. There are three options:

Basic Listing (No Charge): Includes the member's name, title and the name of his/her organization (company or nonprofit organization), email address (hyperlinked), and office and mobile phone numbers. While this listing is free, members must submit their information to webmaster@rotary45.org to be included.



Deluxe Listing (\$300/year): Includes everything listed above plus your logo and hyperlink to your website.

Premium Listing (\$500/year): In addition to the features above, this includes a short description of the services provided by the member's company/nonprofit organization (up to 500 characters).

To showcase your business, click here for details.

### **Know a Good Rotarian Candidate?**

Bring them to lunch and invite them to stay afterward for a brief **"What is Rotary?"** session, held immediately after every Thursday Rotary meeting around 1pm at a designated table in the meeting room. It's easier than ever for you to invite a friend or colleague. Check out our membership criteriahere.

### Sept 24 Meeting: Vince Gabbert, Keeneland VP & COO

We met at the Marriott in the second floor ballroom. Harriette Friedlander gave the invocation. Past President Randy Coe led us in the Pledge and the Four-Way Test. We enjoyed a bluesy guest trio consisting of Tyrone Cotton (guitar and voice), Tim Brothers (bass) and Amos Hopkins (guitar). President Greg welcomed our nine guests, urged us to introduce ourselves to our members with pink and green badges, and urged our guests to visit the "What Is Rotary?" table. Rick Smith recognized our three birthday Rotarians present,



and we wished them a happy birthday. After a few announcements, Greg introduced a new 'Spin the Wheel' game. Number 20 was the winning number, so members at Table #20 were pleasantly surprised when they each won a prize. Guest speaker, Vince Gabbert, Keeneland's VP & COO, presented a great video about Keeneland and the upcoming Breeders Cup coming to Lexington. His vast knowledge of Keeneland was clearly evident in his informative presentation as well as during Q&A. (<u>more here</u>)